

"Key To Ownership" Program Takes Off





These Keys Open Doors





he Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program at MSHDA supports a 3,200 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program – one of the largest in the country. This year MSHDA focused on these 3,200 participants and introduced a widespread, massive program in such a way that each participant would be offered the vision and opportunity of homeownership. Those efforts resulted in "The Key to Ownership" initiative and represents an unprecedented partnering and statewide pooling of resources and services that are empowering many new homebuyers, many of whom are the first members of their families to ever own a home.

Pictured at top left is Shelly Hill on the steps of her new home in Jackson with her children, Lisa, Robert, and Ivana. Many organizations came together to make this dream come true for the Hills, including MSHDA's Office of Community Development, Jackson Affordable Housing, the city of Jackson, Habitat for Humanity, and the Prison Build Program contributed materials for garage and landscaping materials. Pictured top right is Sandy Pearson and Lisa Lehman from MSHDA's Office of Existing Housing with homeowner Shelly Hill selecting plant and landscaping material for the new home. Pictured bottom left is Amy Krumback and Kevin Hoffman on the porch of their new home in Hillman. The house was developed by M.A.R.C.H. Nonprofit through the MSHDA Office of Community Development HOME program. USDA Rural Development also provided financing for the family.